curbed the outflow of foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the specific steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have cleared the foreign visits of some officials during the last three months despite ban on foreign tours of Government officers;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of Government officials who went abroad during the last three months and purpose of their visits; and

(g) the amount of foreign exchange spent on these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (e). There is a ban on foreign tours of Government officers with certain exceptions which *inter-alia* include tours for commercial, aid for foreign policy negotiations.

The proposals for the foreign visits of officers are thoroughly scrutinised and only such visits are allowed which are inescapable and where full justification is available.

(f) and (g). The information is not centrally maintained and will have to be collected from all Ministries/Departments/Offices of the Government of India. The time and labour involved in collecting the information may not be commensurate with objective to be achieved.

New Textile Policy

392. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Abid Hussain's Committee report on the Textile Policy, 1985;

(b) if so, what will be mode of the new textile policy;

(c) whether the new policy is expected to bring the industry to the international level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d). Recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee are under consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Induction of Private Buses Under DTC

393. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:-

(a) whether some private buses have been inducted under D.T.C. operation recently;

(b) if so, the total number thereof and the number of permits issued to the persons belonging to SC/ST;

(c) the number of buses initially proposed to be inducted;

(d) the reasons for not achieving this target; and

(e) the steps being taken for inducting the remaining buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of buses inducted during April/May, 1991 was 55. No Private buses belonging to SC/ST could be engaged under DTC during this period.

(c) to (e). DTC had initially planned to induct 1,000 private buses. In response to the advertisement released in the local newspapers, 337 applications were received by DTC of the 94 eligible applicants. However, only 55 applicants approached for engagement of their buses ultimately.

[*English*]

Export of Coffee

394.SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost every year the country has been losing substantially in the export of Indian coffee to other global competitors;

(b) if so, the percentage of decline in the export of Indian coffee since the beginning of 1991 till date as compared to the corresponding period in 1990;

(c) the countries to which exports of Indian coffee have declined and the percentage of decline in exports to each country during the above period;

(d) the overall impact on the foreign exchange earnings as a result thereof; and

(e) the efforts made by the Government to step up exports of Indian coffee and also to tap new markets for its export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e). Till July, 1989 an International Coffee Agreement provided for export quotas from various countries who were members of the International Coffee Organisation. The economic clauses under this Agreement fell through in July, 1989, as a result of which there was a steep fall in the prices of coffee in the International market. Despite this, the performance of Indian coffee has been fairly good. The value realised through export of Indian coffee from 1987-88 has been as follows:

Year	*Value Realised (Rs. Crores)*
1	*2*
1987-88	260.10
1988-89	337.72
1989-90	363.14
1990-91	278.79

2. The reduction in the total realisation for 1990-91 was largely on account of the reduced quantity of exports which was because of the low crop. The target for 1991-92 is Rs. 400 crores.

3 Between January to October, 1991 a total quantity of 71004 MT was exported as against 93537 MT during the corresponding period in the previous year. the value realisation from January to October 1991 was Rs. 229.48 crores as against Rs. 235.71 crores in the previous year. This reduction in the exports of the current year compared to the previous year is expected to be made up and we hope to achieve the target of Rs.400 crores for the financial year 1991-92. A comparison of exports to major countries during January to October, 1991 to January to October 1990 is as follows: